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SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

October 9-11, 1987
MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

HEART TO HEART: CREATING ANEW



PURPOSE...

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- A new you through spiritual growth
- A new community of love and caring
- A new world of peace and justice

Biblical background: Selections from
II Corinthians 4 and 5

Women of the Southeast Conference join with women from Florida, Southern and South Central Conferences for fellowship and inspiration.

There will be challenging workshops, worship and Bible study.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Barbara Greer, Missouri Conference, UCC.

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Please call the Conference Office (404/633-5655)!

Don't miss this splendid opportunity!

(The fee of \$65.00 covers registration, room and meals).

—AROUND THE CONFERENCE—

NORTH MAIN (formerly Lowell) CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH - dedicated its new building on June 7th. This attractive sanctuary and educational space was consecrated in an impressive ceremony with an overflow congregation. Conference Minister Emmett O. Floyd presented the sermon, and Associate Conference Minister Warren A. Blankenhorn, Moderator Arthur Dailey, many neighboring pastors and the Mayor of Roanoke, took part in the program. Our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to this congregation.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - in Belvidere held two special services this summer. On August 9th, Homecoming Day was observed with an overflow congregation, a delicious dinner on the ground, and a program of remembering in the afternoon. Pastor John F. Schaeffer led the services with Conference Minister, Emmett O. Floyd present to represent the wider fellowship. May its next hundred years be as fruitful for the Kingdom of God.

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On September 13th, a farewell service and reception was held for Rev. & Mrs. John F. Schaeffer at the church. Conference Minister Emmett O. Floyd was again present to preach and express the appreciation of the Association and the Conference for his services during these eight years. The Schaeffers are moving to Lebanon, Pennsylvania where he will be pastor of St. John's UCC. We pray God's richest blessings upon their new ministry.

DEER LODGE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - observed its centennial celebration on Sunday, September 6th. Former pastor R. Hugh Lasseter preached the sermon, and the service was led by pastor, John Stovall. Greetings were brought by Conference Minister Emmett O. Floyd, and Association Historian Erston M. Butterfield (former S.E. Conference Minister). Many friends and former members were present to share in the inspiring service, the fellowship dinner, and the program of history and remembrance in the afternoon.

We wish DEER LODGE a rich and blessed second hundred years.

ALA-TENN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT FAIRFIELD GLADE, TN - The 22nd Annual Meeting of the ALA-TENN Association was held on Sept. 18-19, at the Fairfield Glade Community Church. The Rev. Dr. Peggy Way was the keynote speaker and The Rev. Daniel Rosemergy, Moderator, presided.

We are sorry the Newsletter could not have been published prior to their meeting, but will be happy to use any important events in the next issue.

PILGRIMAGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - in Marietta, GA., held a "Rededication Service" on Sunday, Sept. 13. Rev. G. Mark Cole is the pastor. Our congratulations and prayerfull best wishes are extended to Pilgrimage.

DR. DAVID BEEBE - pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC in Chattanooga, TN., was elected Chair of the newly created Human Rights/Relations Commission in Chattanooga. Congratulations to Dr. Beebe in this important part of community service.

NEW MINISTERS CALLED

From ROBBINS PARISH comes the news of their new pastor - Rev. Martin Duffy. Rev. Duffy and his wife, Naomi, arrived the middle of August, having moved from Scranton, PA, where he was pastor of Trinity Congregational Church. Mrs. Duffy is a teacher, and hopes to teach in Scott County or nearby. We welcome the Duffys and pray God's richest blessings upon them and the congregation in Robbins Parish.

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At the same time of welcoming Rev. & Mrs. Duffy, we express appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Galt for the months - about 34½ of service and dedication they have given to Robbins Parish. They are greatly loved and will be missed. We wish them God's continued blessings as they go to their next adventure in life.

CALLED TO PILGRIM CONGREGATION, UCC, IN COLUMBIA, S.C., - The Rev. Ms. Janice Manuel. Rev. Manuel came from Arkansas, where she was first ordained in the UCC ministry. We wish this new church start and Rev. Manuel a rich and successful ministry.

CONFERENCE CORNER

DR. EMMETT FLOYD

As my tenure as Conference Minister rapidly draws to a close, I find myself evaluating these 7½ years. There is much I would have liked to have seen done better. But there is also occasion for some satisfaction in what has been accomplished.

At a recent meeting of Smaller Membership Conferences, which Moderator James L. Myers and I attended, Dr. George Otto of the Stewardship Council shared some OCWM statistics with the group.

James and I were surprised and pleased to learn that the Southeast Conference led all the Conferences in the United Church of Christ in per capita increase to OCWM over the last five years. Our percentage increase was some 60% during this period. This shows that our churches are committed to the work of the whole Kingdom of God.

We need to insure that we continue to challenge our people to a vision of stewardship and service, and that we wisely utilize the resources our people provide.

We also continue to be one of the few conferences whose total membership is growing. However, we all know we can do better.

Let us make those plans, devise those programs, reach those people, enlarge that vision, and increase the dedication of all our members. In this way, we can be faithful to our rich heritage and responsive to our challenging future.

God help us so to do.

N-E-W-S and N-O-T-E-S

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE POSTPONED

The Rev. James Norris of Huntsville, AL, who chairs our Evangelism Committee, has announced that the Evangelism and Church Growth program planned for November has been postponed until the spring. The Board for Homeland Ministries has some problems of illness and depleted staff that make this fall difficult. Rev. Alan Johnson will continue to work with us and provide leadership as we plan for a conference next year.

STEWARDSHIP CONSULTATION

A special Stewardship Consultation for the churches in our Conference is being planned for the next two years. The first one will take place on Saturday, October 31, at the Pleasant Hill Community Church near Crossville, Tenn.. While the churches in Tenn. are especially invited, any church in the Conference is welcome to register.

The pastor and 2 or 3 lay leaders are asked to participate in planning how to better understand and strengthen the stewardship program in the local church. We are fortunate to have the leadership of Rev. Milton Gockley of the Stewardship Council in this important program. Don't miss it!!!! (There, or when it is closer to your area in the next year or so).

INSTALLATION SERVICE, NASHVILLE 1ST E & R

The Rev. Robert J. Kurtz will be installed as pastor and teacher of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church, UCC, in Nashville, Tenn.. The service is set for October 11th, at 4:00 p.m. CDT. The Church and Ministry Committee of the AL-TENN Association will conduct the installation. We wish for the church and pastor a long and fruitful ministry together.

NEW BUILDING DEDICATION

Jones Chapel Congregational Christian Church UCC, will dedicate their new Christian Education Building during the 11:00 o'clock worship service Sunday, Oct. 25th. This new building will provide space for five Sunday School rooms, including nursery, and three restrooms. It will also allow space for use by community groups. "Job Club of Meriwether County" and a Brownie Troup will begin soon.

The building is handicapped accessible, which presents a welcome to all of God's children. Excitement is flying high, as evidenced by the donations received during Homecoming Service on Aug. 23, -- over \$13,000 toward the Building Fund! You are all invited to share in this celebration!

We congratulate Rev. Wayde Washburn and the congregation on this very fine addition to their church.

EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION YOUTH RALLY

The East Alabama Association will hold a Youth Rally at the West Point Bethel Congregational Christian Church, on Oct. 24, from 10:00 - 3:00 (EST). All school-age youth are invited!

Each church should receive a letter with more information, but if not, please contact Wayde Washburn at (404)553-5091.

WHAT'S UP AT UPLANDS!

The Uplands Thrift Shop, operated under the Trustees of the UCC church, for the people in the surrounding communities around Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, is always in need of things to sell.

All kinds and sizes of clothing are in demand; household items; even costume jewelry and books!

Any contributions should be sent to the Thrift Shop, Pleasant Hill, TN 38578... Or, come to see Uplands and this serving community, and BRING your clean and usable items to share with the needy... "on the mountain".

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dakota Association Minister, Rev. W. Raymond Berry, and his wife Shirley, will be in Nashville, Oct. 8-11. They will be pleased to meet with any UCC churches in that area on Oct. 11, and share information about the UCC Mission among American Indians in South Dakota. The "Neighbors in Need" all-church offering in the fall supports a large measure of this mission.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Thomas Isbell died May 21, 1987. He was a long-time pastor of Fredonia Congregational Church in Barnesville, Georgia. After his retirement, he lived in Gainesville until the time of his death. We extend our Christian sympathy to his family and friends.

Susan Reed Stifler - first woman to earn the Ph.D. degree in history - died on August 1, in Wharton Nursing Home - just two weeks short of her 103rd birthday. Dr. Stifler was an author, a teacher, as well as a mother, and served with her husband Dr. William Warren Stifler, as missionaries in China in 1917. She is survived by her son, William Warren Stifler, Jr., and her daughter, Dr. Marther Stifler Waller, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to these families and to a host of friends in Nashville and in the Uplands community.

CURT'S NUGGETS

"Give your mind and heart a housecleaning every day."

Curt Schumacher
Pleasant Hill, Tennessee

NEW CHURCH BUILDING EXPANSIONS

Fairfield Glade Community Church in Tenn., has plans for a new addition to their building. Rev. Wolfgang Koehler is the pastor. Also expanding soon, The United Church of Huntsville, where Rev. Jim Norris is pastor. Congratulations, all!

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